

only in relation to the dividing of the territory between Alabama and Georgia and desired to know if it was in order.

Mr. Campbell said he was, and Aid. Eldredge was proceeding to explain his motion when, to the oft of all present, Mr. Campbell rose and said: "I have no objection."

Ald. Woodman wanted to know what would approve the motion, and Aid. Campbell said he would approve it.

Ald. Campbell wanted to know what business the aid Council had there last Monday night.

Mr. Campbell said that the aid Council was some inactive and indicted the new members to their aid.

Aid. Campbell motioned for the amendment to Aid. Eldredge's motion, that the Council adjourn sine die.

Mr. Campbell said that the Council was not in session and the amendment could be made to a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Campbell was then taken into consideration and the Council adjourned, and was decided in the affirmative.

He then called the last business meeting of the aid Council.

**METHODISM.**

Convocation of the Great Council of the Church in America—The Strong Pecuniary Characteristics of the Denominational Fully Felt—The Gallant Appropriation of the Prizing Elder.

*Special Dispatch to The Chicago Press.*

Returned to Chicago, May 1st, 1890.

biennial session of the Methodist General Conference opened to-day at the Academy of Music in this city, the place of meeting having been changed from Columbus to this place. Notwithstanding the reduction of the ratio to one delegate for forty-five ministers in each of the eighty-one Annual Conferences, the body numbered more than 1,000 lay delegates, who for only the second time in part of this Great Congress of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A delegate from the North to one of the venerable Bishops: "I hope to obtain a rich spiritual blessing at this assembly of great and good men. The old man shook his head, and said, "No, in speaking of the great assembly, he remarked: "I don't think that brother has ever been at a General Conference before." However, the spirit of the body is as religious as the expected attendance, and they will elect church officers and transact other church business.

Three days of fasting and prayer appointed for Friday, to be observed by Methodists everywhere in view of the approaching Conference, was evidently done of service already.

conference. The Bishop's address is largely patriotic, and has also a good strong flavor of business sagacity, proposing to utilize the great anniversary for special educational collections throughout the denomination.

These two questions are in the air—first, the question of lay delegates to the Annual as well as the General Conference; and second, the modification of the Presiding Eldership. The men from New England are here to press for making that office elective, and for having laymen in it. The Presiding Elders are presently appointed by the Bishop, and the Annual as yet elects twenty-five lay delegates and pastors.

There is a tone of health, and hope, and vigor, the feeling is that in spite of the general business depression four good years' work have been done.

There is a large majority of the old leaders who are wise and conservative. Action is expected. One would-be reformer, rather a *Pierrine*, of Michigan, attempted to start a movement for dividing the body into two

soned,—lay and clerical,—but his speech was adorned with much impetuosity and he was distinguished by the brilliancy of his talents. In its organic structure, the Conference is a unit, and accords with the unity of the Church. It is the Association Presbytery.  
It was held at  
Pittsburgh, Md., May 17th, 1877.  
The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled this morning, and to the following resolutions adopted for religious services, George W. Woodruff was chosen Secretary, when Bishop Ames made the following welcome:  
The following resolution was adopted relating and concerning the action whereby the policy of holding the present General Conference was changed from June to the month of May.  
The Rev. C. F. Farnham, of Pittsburg, was chosen Secretary.  
In pursuance of the resolution adopted at the last General Conference (1875), that the Board of Christian Education prepare a report and present it to this Conference on the first day of its session, to be immediately published in the Minutes, the following report was read by the General Conference as well as all the other members of the Conference, and of those special thanksgiving services which shall be the most appropriate and fervent expression of our hearts to God the Father, in Jesus Christ, the Saviour and Ruler of the

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